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EXAMINER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/758,704	Applicant(s) KURASHINA, HIROYASU	
	Examiner Gabriel I Garcia	Art Unit 2624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 76-92 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 76-92 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/382,499.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/14/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. Claims 76-92 are being allowed over the prior art of record. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matter:

A) The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not drawn to the invention being claimed. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

B) Applicant should amend the specification to update the cross reference to the related Applications (09/382,499).

C) The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 months FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Conclusion

2. Claims 76-92 are being allowed over the prior art of record.

The closest prior art of record (Ogura et al.'685) teaches a way to control the overflow of character strings in an image forming device, but the prior art of record (in combination with other features of the claim) fails to teach or suggest an image forming device comprising the predetermined line count defining means for defining a reference line count, determining means for determining whether or not the number of lines of the basic character strings to be formed is arranged in an edit image forming memory area exceeds in number any of the one or more n-th predetermined line counts, and calculating the number of characters strings is determined to exceed by inserting an n-th predetermined line overflow notifying character string indicative of an excess in line count over each n-th predetermined line count between an end of a line of said basic character strings immediately before the count of lines of the basic character strings exceeds the n-th post omission line count and a head of the following line, as claimed.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tsukagoshi (6,375,306) teaches an image printing method for determining the maximum number of pixels in a predetermined direction.

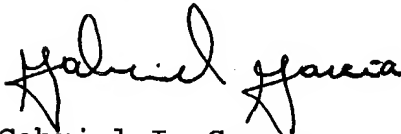
Hidaka et al. (5,677,999) teaches an apparatus and method of making print according to fixed format.

Ogura et al. (5,559,934) teaches a label printing apparatus and wordprocessor for displaying a character string.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Gabriel I. Garcia** whose telephone number is (703) 305-8751. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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